



# SAFETY MESSAGE

Personal Safety is our #1 priority

## Reading Your MSDS

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- **The U.S. chemical manufacturing industry and federal government developed a chemical identification system, which requires that a descriptive paper document accompany every chemical shipped, used or stored.**
- **The Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) is a complex document that contains important chemical, safety and health information on chemicals in the workplace.**

**The MSDS typically contains the following sections:**

<b>Section I</b>	<b>Manufacturer's name, address, phone number, etc.</b>
<b>Section II</b>	<b>Hazardous Ingredients/Identity Information</b>
<b>Section III</b>	<b>Physical/Chemical Characteristics</b>
<b>Section IV</b>	<b>Fire and Explosion Hazard Data</b>
<b>Section V</b>	<b>Reactivity Data</b>
<b>Section VI</b>	<b>Health Hazard Data</b>
<b>Section VII</b>	<b>Precautions for Safe Handling and Use</b>
<b>Section VIII</b>	<b>Control Measures</b>
<b>Section IX</b>	<b>Special Precautions</b>

- **Please become familiar with the MSDS's in your workplace by reading and understanding the precautions and information contained within them.**